F-15 STRIKE EAGLE II (Hitting the heights)

It's no surprise that MicroProse's almost faultless flight sim has clambered to the top, and you can expect this to still be hanging around the charts in a year's time. MicroProse – who like to see themselves as purveyors of the most 'realistic' games – have a busy time ahead with all manner of military games on their way. Look out for *Knights of the Sky*, a World War One dogfight thriller which was most impressive on the PC. That's due in October along with the eagerly awaited submarine game *Silent Service II*.

Prose, we understand, are also working on a sequel to *F-19 Stealth Fighter* which will be even more 'realistic' than the original. That should be sneaking out in the spring of next year.

F-15 Strike Eagle II – Flying high

And there's yet another flying game in the offing, apparently with a drug busting slant. Provisionally called *F-23*, it casts you as a daring pilot up against all those awful South American smuggling types. Expect a November release.

FULL CONTACT (An incredible start for the Leeds little guys)

Team 17 are most definitely not one of the world's biggest publishers. When *Full Contact* went straight in at number two the Leeds-based boys 'went out and got very drunk'. *Full Contact* is a curious little beat-'em-up which manages to mix limited gameplay with some really quite lovely intro screens, and there's more to come. Watch out for *Alien Breed* in October, an *Ikari Warriors* style shoot-'em up. Then there'll be some full-price one meg titles to follow...

MANCHESTER UNITED EUROPE (The boys done well)

Chart watchers will be well aware of the poor quality of many football games which loiter ominously around the chart, and for fans of the genre the only respite has come from the *Kick Off* series (which, it has to be said, is losing its shine). Krisalis have scored well with *Man Utd*, which seems to have been universally welcomed as the nicest and most natural way to play computer soccer. So now Krisalis are emerging as the new masters of silicon soccer, what are they up to next?

It seems that England manager Graham Taylor has been signed up as the big name for what's being hyped as the 'definitive' football game. Scheduled for release early next year, it's a five disk monster featuring all major English domestic leagues, plus an international tournament. The idea is to 'do a Graham' and work your way up through the leagues and into the international arena. It's a mix of arcade and management – all linked by a point and click windows style environment.

Krisalis are also working on a John Barnes game which will be launched next Easter to coincide with the European Championships. We're told that a few non-sports games are in the offing, but details are 'top secret'.

Manchester United Europe

WHERE'S THE NEW BLOOD?

It's a pretty dismal performance in software land this month, it has to be said. An appallingly low number of new full price releases have managed to get a look in, mainly because there are so few of the blighters.

All the big name games from the past few months have held positions well, with little or no competition from newer Grade A full price games. Ageing they may be, but they've managed to stave off the budget stranglehold which tends to tighten over the summer months. Roll on the autumn boom, when a lot of these publisher fellows start releasing some *really* tasty kit.

AMIGA POWER GALLUP CHARTS

AMIGA TOP 100

***** Exceptional ***** Nearly there **** Very good *** Has its moments ** Flawed * Dire

1 (7) F-15 STRIKE EAGLE II MicroProse £29.99 *****
2 (18) FULL CONTACT Team 17 £9.99 ***
3 (NE) MANCHESTER UNITED EUROPE Krisalis £25.99 ****
4 (6) LOMBARD RAC RALLY Hit Squad £7.99 ***
5 (13) XENON 2 Mirror Image £9.99 *****
6 (2) THE SECRET OF MONKEY ISLAND US Gold £29.99 *****
7 (1) EYE OF THE BEHOLDER US Gold £30.99 *****
8 (5) PGA TOUR GOLF Electronic Arts £25.99 *****
9 (9) NORTH AND SOUTH Action Sixteen £7.99 ****
10 (3) FANTASY WORLD DIZZY Code Masters ****

11 (12) LEMMINGS Psygnosis £9.99 *****
12 (11) DEFENDER OF THE CROWN Mirror Image £9.99 ***
13 (16) MIAMI CHASE Code Masters £7.99 ****
14 (NE) RUN THE GAUNTLET Hit Squad £7.99 *
15 (8) 3D POOL Mirror Image £9.99 ****
16 (17) LITTLE PUFF IN DRAGONLAND Code Masters £6.99 **
17 (20) NINJA RABBITS Micro Value £6.99
18 (10) HERO QUEST Gremlin ****
19 (4) KICK OFF – WINNING TACTICS Anco £12.99
20 (25) SWITCHBLADE 2 Gremlin £25.99 *****
21 (30) INTERNATIONAL KARATE + Hit Squad £7.99 *****
22 (NE) WATERLOO Mirror Image £9.99 **
23 (NE) RAMBO 3 Hit Squad £7.99 *
24 (24) GODS Renegade £25.53 *****
25 (15) TOKI Ocean £24.99 *****
26 (22) RAILROAD TYCOON £34.99 ****
27 (14) TREASURE ISLAND DIZZY Code Masters £4.99 ****
28 (19) ARMOUR-GEDDON Psygnosis £25.99 ****
29 (35) LIFE AND DEATH Mindscape £25.53 ***
30 (21) CARRIER COMMAND Mirror Image £9.99 *****
31 (46) CALIFORNIA GAMES Kixx £7.99 **
32 (NE) STREET FIGHTER Kixx £9.99
33 (34) ROCKET RANGER Mirror Image £9.99 ****
34 (37) WORLD CLASS LEADERBOARD Kixx £9.99 *****
35 (50) THE THREE STOOGES Mirror Image £9.99 **
36 (23) SPEEDBALL 2 Mirrorsoft *****
37 (40) CHUCK ROCK Core Design £25.53 *****
38 (27) CRICKET SIMULATOR Soundware £24.99 *
39 (41) MEGA TRAVELLER 1 Empire £25.99 *****
40 (NE) MERCS US Gold £25.99 ***
41 (33) KICK OFF + EXTRA TIME Anco £7.99 *****
42 (32) CJ'S ELEPHANT ANTICS Code Masters £6.99 **
43 (62) R-TYPE Hit Squad £7.99 ***
44 (70) VIOLATOR Code Masters £7.99 ***
45 (65) SUPERCARS 2 Gremlin £19.99 ***
46 (54) F-19 STEALTH FIGHTER MicroProse £29.99 ****
47 (NE) LINE OF FIRE US Gold £24.99 **
48 (36) KICK OFF 2 Anco £24.99 *****
49 (88) 3D CONSTRUCTION KIT Domark £49.99 ****
50 (NE) PASSING SHOT Mirror Image £9.99 ****
51(57) SUPER HANG-ON Hit Squad £7.99 ****
52 (NE) SIM CITY / POPULOUS Infogrames £29.99 *****

53 (42) SPEED BALL Mirror Image £9.99 *****
54 (47) SUPER MONACO GRAND PRIX US Gold £25.53 ***
55 (78) BRAT Image Works £25.99 ***
56 (59) SPIRIT OF EXCALIBUR Virgin £29.99 **
57 (43) PANZA KICK BOXING US Gold £24.99 *
58 (NE) NEUROMANCER Electronic Arts £25.99 **
59 (NE) FLOOD Electronic Arts £10.99 ****
60 (28) FINAL WHISTLE Anco £12.99 ****
61(61) OPERATION WOLF The Hit Squad £7.99 ****
62 (NE) PRO BOXING Code Masters £7.99
63 (26) CENTURION Electronic Arts £25.99 ***
64 (86) LAST NINJA 2 Hit Squad £7.99 **
65 (RE) 'NAM Domark £29.99 ***
66 (NE) WAR ZONE Core Design £20.99 ***
67 (NE) JUNGLE BOOK Electronic Zoo £7.99 *
68 (RE) HARD DRIVIN' 2 Domark £24.99 ***
69 (56) SUPER SCRAMBLE SIMULATOR Kixx £9.99 **
70 (96) OUT RUN Klassix £7.99 *
71 (47) FAST FOOD Code Masters £6.99 ***
72 (RE) DOUBLE DRAGON Mastertronic £7.99 *
73 (RE) PLATOON Hit Squad £7.99 ***
74 (RE) HOLLYWOOD COLLECTION Ocean £24.99 ***
75 (80) POWER UP Ocean £29.99 ****
76 (74) TEENAGE MUTANT HERO TURTLES Mirrorsoft £24.99 *
77 (38) EURO SUPERLEAGUE CDS £24.99 **
78 (79) AFTERBURNER The Hit Squad £7.99 *
79 (56) ASTERIX Electronic Zoo £7.99
80 (63) POWERMONGER Electronic Arts £29.99 *****
81 (94) INTERCEPTOR Electronic Arts £10.99 ***
82 (53) CYBERCON III US Gold £29.99 *****
83 (64) DALEY THOMPSON'S OLYMPICS Hit Squad £7.99 **
84 (NE) MOONWALKER Kixx £7.99 *
85 (NE) BATTLE CHESS II Electronic Arts £24.95 **
86 (RE) ZAK McKRAKEN US Gold £24.95 ****
87 (48) PREDATOR Hit Squad £7.99 **
88 (60) CLASSIC 4 Energize £6.99 **
89 (44) FORGOTTEN WORLDS Kixx £7.99 ***
90 (51) VIZ Virgin £24.99 *
91 (39) SWIV Storm £24.99 *****
92 (NE) ROBOCOP 2 Ocean £24.95 ***
93 (84) WIZBALL Hit Squad £7.99 ****
94 (NE) KAMIKAZE Code Masters £7.99 **
95 (79) TRACK SUIT MANAGER Alternative £7.99 **
96 (85) TOP CAT Hi-Tec £6.99 **
97 (90) ESWAT US Gold £24.99 *
98 (NE) JAMES POND Millennium £24.99 **
99 (96) BIONIC COMMANDO Klassix £9.99 *
100 (100) POWER PACK Beau Jolly £24.99

THE AMIGA POWER CHARTS: HOW THEY'RE WORKED OUT

- The Amiga Power charts are put together for us by Gallup (the folk who do the BBC pop charts among many others) based on a continuing survey of sales in a wide cross section of shops up and down the country – both independent computer stores and large chains like WH Smith. As such they're the most comprehensive charts it's possible to bring you. Doing things so comprehensively takes time, though – the chart above relates to sales during the May/June period.
- There's no dividing the charts into 'Budget' and 'Full Price' sections for us – we're sure you're perfectly capable of doing that for yourselves if you want to – so the list you see here includes games at every price point. This way, you can see just how important budget sales are to the overall market – at this time of year, with few big name titles being released, very important indeed.
- Each game is rated out of five stars (five red stars for the really, really excellent ones) using the same system as in The Bottom Line, to give you some idea of how good the things that are selling really are. Games which don't get any stars aren't necessarily total rubbish – they just happen to be the ones we've never really played, so can't properly comment on. Having said that though, there has to be a reason why nobody in the office has ever found it within themselves to sit down with them, hasn't there..?